

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES
NEWS RELEASE**



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NORTON SOUND COMMERCIAL SALMON OPENINGS SCHEDULED

SUBDISTRICT 2: GOLOVIN BAY SUBDISTRICT

The Golovin Bay Subdistrict will reopen to commercial salmon fishing directed at pink salmon for one 72-hour period from 12:00 noon Wednesday, July 18 to 12:00 noon Saturday, July 21. There will be an additional 48-hour period from 12:00 noon Sunday, July 22 to 12:00 noon Tuesday, July 24. Permit holders are limited to 100 fathoms of gillnet with a mesh size of 4 and one-half inches or less. Deliveries will be made to the tender vessel Egavik or processor vessel Norton Sound.

SUBDISTRICT 3: ELIM SUBDISTRICT

Elim Subdistrict will reopen to directed pink salmon fishing for one 72-hour period from 12:00 noon Thursday, July 19 to 12:00 noon Sunday, July 22. Permit holders are limited to 100 fathoms of net and gillnets must have a mesh size of 4 and one-half inches or less. Deliveries will be made to the tender vessel Lucky Lady.

SUBDISTRICT 4: NORTON BAY SUBDISTRICT

Norton Sound Subdistrict 4, the Norton Bay Subdistrict, will reopen for two 36-hour directed chum salmon openings from 12:00 noon Thursday, July 19 to 12:00 midnight Friday evening, July 20 and from 12:00 noon Sunday, July 22 to 12:00 midnight Monday evening, July 23. Norton Bay permit holders are restricted to gillnets with a mesh size of 6 inches or less. Deliveries will be made to the tender vessel Golovin Bay.

SUBDISTRICTS 5 & 6: SHAKTOOLIK & UNALAKLEET SUBDISTRICTS

Effective 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 18, Subdistricts 5 and 6 will reopen to a commercial fishing schedule of two 48-hour periods per week from 6:00 p.m. Wednesdays to 6:00 p.m. Fridays and from 6:00 p.m. Sundays to 6:00 p.m. Tuesdays. The schedule will conclude at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 31, when the department switches to coho salmon management. Subdistricts 5 and 6 permit holders will be limited in these to 100 fathoms of net and gillnets must have a mesh size of 6 inches or less. Shaktoolik deliveries will be made to the tender vessels Besboro Barge and Tia.